

32692

Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 48317US032

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: JAPUNTICH, DANIEL A.

Application No.: 09/837714 Confirmation No.: 9172

Filed: April 18, 2001

Title: METHOD OF MAKING A FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS AN EXHALATION VALVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Copies of any cited foreign patents, foreign publications, non-patent literature documents, and any pending U.S. applications filed before June 30, 2003, are enclosed. Copies of any pending U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003 that can be accessed on the USPTO's IPWeb system are not enclosed as per USPTO Waiver dated September 21, 2004. Copies of any U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, but prior to the mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311.

Fees:

Please charge the fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

October 5, 2006

Date

By:


Karl G. Hanson, Reg. No.: 32,900
Telephone No.: 651-736-7776

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Page 1 of 1

Application Number	09/837714
Filing Date	April 18, 2001
First Named Inventor	Japuntich, Daniel A.
Confirmation Number	9172
Attorney Case Number	48317US032

U.S. Patent Documents

Exam. Int.*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Doc. Number-(Kind Code if Known)			
A1	US-				
A2	US-				
A3	US-				
A4	US-				
A5	US-				
A6	US-				
A7	US-				
A8	US-				
A9	US-				
A10	US-				
A11	US-				
A12	US-				

Foreign Patent Documents

Exam. Int.*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation (Check if yes)
		City/ Code	Number-KindCode (if known)				
B1	DE	1213249		03-24-1966			X
B2							
B3							
B4							
B5							
B6							
B7							

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Exam. Int.*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	Translation (Check if yes)
	C1		
	C2		
	C3		

*Examiner:

Date Considered:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.